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DJIBOUTI INCIDENT --

SOMALI REPRESENTATIVE HUSSEN TOLD AMBASSADOR BENNETT FEBRUARY 10 THAT FURTHER INFORMATION WAS COMING ON THE DJIBOUTI INCIDENT AND HE REQUESTED THAT THE SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING BE POSTPONED UNTIL FEBRUARY 11. HE INDICATED IF THE FRENCH WISHED TO TAKE THE INITIATIVE ON CONTACTS LEADING TO NEGOTIATIONS, SOMALIA WAS WILLING TO ENTER INTO SUCH TALKS, BUT, AS VICTIM, WOULD NOT TAKE THE INITIATIVE WITH FRANCE.

LATER, IN THE SC PRESIDENT'S OFFICE, FRENCH REPRESENTATIVE DE GUIRINGAUD TOLD HUSSEN HE FELT IT WOULD DO NO GOOD FROM POINT OF VIEW OF BILATERAL RELATIONS TO HAVE A PUBLIC MEETING BUT, IF IT WAS NECESSARY TO STRAIGHTEN OUT THE RECORD, FRANCE WAS READY TO DO SO. HUSSEN SAID HIS INSTRUCTIONS WERE TO REMAIN FIRM IN FAVOR OF MEETING. BOTH ADVISED AMBASSADOR BENNETT THEY WOULD BE INFORMING THE SC PRESIDENT FEBRUARY 11 CONCERNING THEIR PLANS FOR REQUESTING AN SC MEETING. HUSSEN THEN ASKED IF FRANCE WAS PROPOSING FORMALLY TO HAVE BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS, AND DE GUIRINGAUD REPLIED FRANCE WOULD BE OPEN TO SUCH A PROPOSAL BUT NORMAL CHANNEL WOULD BE THROUGH FRENCH AMBASSADOR IN MOGADISCIO OR SOMALI AMBASSADOR IN PARIS. LATER, DE GUIRINGAUD EXPRESSED VIEW TO AMBASSADOR BENNETT THAT SOMALIS WANT AN APOLOGY BUT FRANCE IS NOT GOING TO GIVE ONE. FURTHER, FRANCE HAD INCRIMINATING AERIAL PHOTOS OF THE AREA, WHICH IT WAS PREPARED TO SHOW DURING AN SC MEETING. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 520, 521)

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THE SOMALI REPRESENTATIVE ASKED THE SC PRESIDENT TO CIRCULATE (S/11974) THE FORMER'S LETTER LISTING THE NAMES OF 15 INDIVIDUALS KILLED AND 14 WOUNDED DURING THE FRENCH AGGRESSION AGAINST SOMALIA. (USUN 518)

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AT SOMALI REQUEST FEBRUARY 11, AMBASSADOR BENNETT, ACTING AS SC PRESIDENT, AGAIN MET WITH THE SOMALI REPRESENTATIVE, WHO HANDED HIM A LETTER STATING THAT HIS DELEGATION WOULD NOT PRESS FOR AN SC MEETING UNTIL "EARLY NEXT WEEK." THIS REQUEST FOR POSTPONEMENT WAS NECESSARY AS "RESULT OF CERTAIN INITIATIVES TAKEN BY A THIRD PARTY TO MEDIATE IN THE MATTER." LATER DE GUIRINGAUD, AFTER CONTACTING QUAJ, CONFIRMED THAT LIBYA WAS THE "THIRD PARTY" INVOLVED. DE GUIRINGAUD DID NOT ASK

FOR A FEBRUARY 11 SC MEETING BUT LEFT A LETTER, REQUESTING SC CIRCULATION. THE LENGTHY LETTER: REITERATES DESCRIPTION OF FEBRUARY 4-8 EVENTS GIVEN EARLIER BY THE FRENCH; REJECTS THE CHARGE THE FRENCH ATTACKED LOYADA OR DAMAGED THE VILLAGE; EXPRESSES APPRECIATION FOR THE ASSISTANCE OF SOMALI AUTHORITIES IN OBTAINING THE RELEASE OF THE ABDUCTED CHILD; AND STATES THAT IF SOMALI CIVILIANS WERE KILLED OR WOUNDED DURING THE BRIEF ENGAGEMENT BETWEEN THE FRENCH FORCES AND THE TERRORISTS STATIONED ON SOMALI TERRITORY, THE FRENCH AUTHORITIES REGRET IT BUT REJECT COMPLETELY THE CHARGE OF AGGRESSION. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE -- USUN 538)

TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC --

UN LEGAL COUNSEL SUY FELT THAT THE PROPER ATTENTION TO GA RULE 13 REQUIRES THE SECRETARIAT TO INCLUDE THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL (TC) REPORT ITEM IN THE MID-FEBRUARY LIST OF PRELIMINARY ITEMS FOR THE 31ST GA. THOUGH UNDERSTANDING CONTRARY USG VIEW, HE BELIEVED THAT A PRELIMINARY LISTING DID NOT RUN COUNTER TO CHARTER ARTICLE 83(1), BUT MERELY LEFT THE DOOR OPEN IF THE TC DECIDED TO ISSUE A REPORT. SUY DID SAY IF THE TC MADE NO REPORT TO THE GA, THEN THE SECRETARIAT WOULD NOT INCLUDE THE ITEM ON THE MID-JULY PROVISIONAL LIST FOR THE 31ST GA. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 531)

PORTUGUESE TIMOR --

SECRETARIAT OFFICIAL PROVIDED UN SECURITY COUNCIL PRESIDENCY (US) TEXT OF MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE WINSPEARE WHICH REPORTED STATEMENT READ FEBRUARY 6 TO WINSPEARE IN DARWIN BY FRETILIN REPRESENTATIVE HORTA. OFFICIAL POINTED OUT THAT THE STATEMENT READ BY HORTA SOMEWHAT CONTRADICTED THE TELEGRAM SENT (FROM NEW YORK) TO THE SC
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PRESIDENT IN HORTA'S NAME. IN THE STATEMENT FRETILIN SAID IT COULD NOT GUARANTEE THE SAFETY OF THE UN DELEGATION, WHILE THE TELEGRAM'S IMPLICATION WAS THAT IT WOULD BE SAFE FOR WINSPEARE'S PARTY TO LAND AT CERTAIN AIRSTRIPS IN EAST TIMOR TO MEET FRETILIN AND THAT WINSPEARE WAS NOT BEING QUITE FAIR WITH FRETILIN. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE -- USUN 523, 539)

INDONESIAN AMBASSADOR SANI, WHO ASKED IF THERE WAS ANY TIMETABLE REGARDING FURTHER SC CONSIDERATION OF QUESTION OF TIMOR, SAID INDONESIAN EMBASSY IN CANBERRA HAD TRIED TO DELIVER MESSAGE FROM THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF EAST TIMOR TO WINSPEARE ASKING THE UN TO ARRANGE TRANSPORT FOR WINSPEARE TO ANY ONE OF FOUR AIRSTRIPS. SANI ADDED THAT INDONESIA IS NOW DIRECTING THE MESSAGE TO WINSPEARE IN GENEVA. HE SAID INDONESIA SYMPATHIZED WITH WINSPEARE'S DESIRE TO VISIT BOTH SIDES IN EAST TIMOR,

BUT DUE TO THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT'S POLICY OF DELIBERATELY
SLOW MILITARY MOVEMENT IT HAD BEEN IMPOSSIBLE TO GUARANTEE
WINSPEARE'S SAFETY IN SOME PARTS OF THE ISLAND. (CONFIDENTIAL
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UN COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN (CTB) COMMITTEE --
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REPORTING ON THE REGIONAL CHAIRMEN'S MEETING PRESIDED OVER BY UNDER SECRETARY GENERAL BUFFUM, EDMUNDS (CANADA) SAID THAT SOVIET AMBASSADOR MALIK "STONEWALLED ALL THE WAY." HE HAD SAID THAT A CLEAR DISTINCTION MUST BE MADE BETWEEN THE QUESTION OF NUCLEAR WEAPON STATE (NWS) NEGOTIATIONS AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CTB COMMITTEE, TOOK EXCEPTION TO THE FACT THAT THE VIEWS OF NWS HAD COME UP THROUGH THE REGIONAL GROUP CHAIRMEN, AND CHARGED THAT THE WESTERN EUROPEAN GROUP WAS HOLDING UP THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CTB COMMITTEE. KOH (SINGAPORE) THOUGHT IT POINTLESS TO ESTABLISH THE COMMITTEE UNLESS AT LEAST TWO NWS WERE WILLING TO PARTICIPATE, AND GUINEA BISSAU REPRESENTATIVE INDICATED THAT NOT ALL THE AFRICANS LISTED WOULD TURN UP UNLESS THEY KNEW NWS INTENDED TO PARTICIPATE IN NEGOTIATIONS. BUFFUM OBSERVED THAT IT WAS CLEAR FROM COMMENTS THAT SETTING UP THE COMMITTEE MUST BE RELATED TO THE NWS NEGOTIATIONS, AND HE THOUGHT IT BETTER FOR THE SECRETARIAT NOT TO MAKE A DEFINITIVE RULING BUT TO SEEK THE VIEWS OF MEMBER STATES. OUTCOME WAS THAT GROUP CHAIRMEN WILL EXPLAIN LATEST DEVELOPMENTS TO THEIR GROUPS AND SOLICIT THEIR VIEWS. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 528)

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COMMITTEE ON RESTRUCTURING OF UN SYSTEM --

THE COMMITTEE OPENED A THREE-WEEK SESSION FEBRUARY 11, AT WHICH IT WILL HEAR POLICY STATEMENTS ON ISSUES RELATING TO RESTRUCTURING. CHAIRMAN DADZIE (GHANA) ANNOUNCED THAT 27 EXECUTIVE HEADS OF UN BODIES AND A LARGE NUMBER OF DELEGATIONS HAD ALREADY INDICATED THEY WOULD TAKE PART IN THE DEBATE. AT HIS SUGGESTION, IT WAS DECIDED THAT THE SPEAKER'S LIST WILL BE CLOSED FEBRUARY 17. HE ALSO SUGGESTED THAT THE COMMITTEE HOLD INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS AND NEGOTIATIONS TO IDENTIFY THE PROBLEM AREAS WHICH MERITED PRIORITY ATTENTION BY THE COMMITTEE ITSELF AND BY THE INTERSESSIONAL WORKING GROUP. THE SLATE OF OFFICERS WAS COMPLETED WITH THE ELECTION BY ACCLAMATION OF GONZALEZ ARIAS (PARAGUAY) AS THE THIRD VICE CHAIRMAN AND STURKEY (AUSTRALIA) AS RAPPORTEUR. THE COMMITTEE AGREED TO GRANT OBSERVER STATUS DURING THE GENERAL DEBATE TO THE COMMISSION OF THE EEC.
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THE GENERAL DEBATE WAS OPENED BY ILO DIRECTOR GENERAL BLANCHARD, WHO CAUTIONED AGAINST UPSETTING THE EXISTING SYSTEM SIMPLY FOR THE SAKE OF REFORM. HE SUGGESTED FOCUSING EFFORTS ON IMPROVING UN'S ABILITY TO CONCEPTUALIZE GLOBAL POLICY AND IMPROVING THE NEGOTIATION FUNCTION. HE ENDORSED THE EXPERTS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION FOR SHORTER, MORE FREQUENT ECOSOC MEETINGS DEVOTED TO SPECIFIC TOPICS AND GREATER USE OF AND CONSULTATION WITH SPECIALIZED AGENCIES IN THIS CONNECTION. HE SUGGESTED MAKING GREATER USE OF THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AS THE FORA FOR NEGOTIATIONS. BLANCHARD ARGUED FOR DECENTRALIZATION IN TECHNICAL COOPERATION ACTIVITIES, CHIDED UNDP FOR FALLING SHORT IN PRACTICE OF THE PARTNERSHIP APPROACH, CALLED FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF MORE "CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE" (NATIONAL AND REGIONAL CENTERS FOCUSING ON SPECIFIC PROBLEMS), AND UNDERSCORED THE IMPORTANCE OF ATTRACTING GOOD PERSONNEL INTO THE UN SYSTEM. (USUN 533)

COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT --

IN THE AFTERNOON FEBRUARY 10, THE COMMITTEE DISCUSSED THE WORLD PLAN FOR APPLICATION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY TO DEVELOPMENT. FOLLOWING STATEMENTS ON THE ITEM BY REPRESENTATIVES OF ARGENTINA, FRG, POLAND, JAPAN, SPAIN, BYELORUSSIA, THE NETHERLANDS AND AUSTRALIA, CHAIRMAN DA COSTA (BRAZIL), IN SUMMARIZING THE DISCUSSION, SAID HE FELT THERE WAS AGREEMENT THAT THE WORLD PLAN SHOULD BE ADDED TO BUT NOT WHOLLY CHANGED. ALSO, DELEGATIONS HAD STRESSED THAT: NATIONAL AND REGIONAL PLANS WERE PERHAPS MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE WORLD PLAN BECAUSE THEY WERE CLOSER TO THE COUNTRIES CONCERNED; STRENGTHENING OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL CAPACITY SHOULD NOT BE AN END IN ITSELF BUT SHOULD BE EXPRESSED IN TERMS OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL OBJECTIVES. A PRACTICAL MEANS TO IMPLEMENT THE PLAN SHOULD BE FOUND, THE CHAIRMAN SAID, ADDING HE HOPED THE CONFERENCE WOULD PROVIDE THE IMPETUS FOR THAT IMPLEMENTATION. HE CONCLUDED BY EXPRESSING THE VIEW THAT IT WAS NOT NECESSARY FOR THE COMMITTEE TO ADOPT A DRAFT RESOLUTION ON THE WORLD PLAN.

FEBRUARY 11, THE REPORT OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE APPLICATION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY TO DEVELOPMENT (ACAST) WAS DISCUSSED. THE CHAIRMAN SUGGESTED THAT THE COMMITTEE SHOULD PREPARE A DRAFT RESOLUTION ON ACAST WHICH TOOK NOTE OF ITS CONFIDENTIAL

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REPORT, CONGRATULATED THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ITS WORK, REASSURED IT THAT ITS WORK WAS REQUIRED, AND PERHAPS ENDORSING THE VIEW THAT IT MEET AT LEAST ONCE A YEAR, AND SETTING FORTH THE VIEW THAT ACAST BE CLOSELY LINKED TO PREPARATIONS

FOR THE CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. THE U.S. (TAFT) AGREED THAT ACAST SHOULD MEET ANNUALLY AND THE INTER-GOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE SHOULD FORMULATE A DRAFT RESOLUTION TO THAT EFFECT; ALSO, ACAST SHOULD PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY IN PREPARATIONS FOR THE CONFERENCE. ANNUAL SESSIONS OF ACAST WERE FAVORED BY JORDAN, POLAND, FRG, USSR AND AUSTRALIA, WHILE THE UK, ROMANIA AND YUGOSLAVIA WOULD AGREE TO ANNUAL MEETINGS DURING THE PREPARATORY PHASE OF THE CONFERENCE.

RESUMPTION OF CYPRUS TALKS --

AT FEBRUARY 11 PRESS BRIEFING, UN SPOKESMAN READ A STATEMENT CONCERNING CYPRUS WHICH INCLUDED THE ANNOUNCEMENT THAT IT HAS NOW BEEN AGREED THAT THE CYPRUS TALKS UNDER THE PERSONAL AUSPICES OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL WILL RESUME IN VIENNA FEBRUARY 17. (USUN 537)

SHACKLETON INCIDENT --

UN CIRCULATED (S/11973) ARGENTINE REPRESENTATIVE'S LETTER TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT CONCERNING THE "SERIOUS VIOLATION" OF THE LEGISLATION CONCERNING ARGENTINE MARITIME JURISDICTION COMMITTED BY THE UK VESSEL SHACKLETON, WHICH WAS CONDUCTING RESEARCH "WITH A VIEW TO THE EXPLOITATION OF HYDROCARBONS, IF FOUND." ARGENTINA ALSO CHARGES IMPRUDENCE AND PROVOCATION BY THE SHACKLETON'S CAPTAIN. (USUN 530)

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